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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has indicated that a Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to either a first species I., namely, Claims 1 - 30, 33 - 66 and 69 - 71, drawn to a method / apparatus for rounding an input, or to a second species II, namely Claims 31 - 32, 67 - 68, drawn to a method for rounding an input having a two's complement fixed point datum ... to a second two's complement fixed point datum.

The Applicant has elected Claims 1 - 30, 33 - 66 and 69 - 71 to be examined.

Accordingly, reconsideration and examination of the abovereferenced Application is requested.

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